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SUBJECT: CUSTOMS DUTY EXEMPTION FOR SPOKANE EXPO '74
PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL

REF: A. STATE A-109, JANUARY 8
B. FEBRUARY 22 BROWN/MELLOR TELECON

1. OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS OF FEBRUARY 22 CANADIAN CUSTOMS AND EXCISE (C & E) RESPONSE TO EMBASSY'S LETTER OF JANUARY 17 REQUESTING SUBJECT EXEMPTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT

THE DEPARTMENT IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE FOLDER ENTITLED "THE INTERNATIONAL WORLD'S FAIR 'DEDICATED TO THE ENVIRONMENT' SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, U.S.A. MAY TO OCTOBER 1974" WHICH IS APPROVED BY THE BUREAU INTERNATIONAL DES EXPOSITIONS, PARIS, AS TOURIST LITERATURE UNDER TARIFF ITEM 17205-1 FREE OF DUTY AND, IF FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION AND SENT "NO CHARGE" EXEMPT FROM SALES TAX.

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ADMISSION TICKETS, HOWEVER, IF IMPORTED OTHER

THAN FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION WILL BE DUTIABLE UNDER TARIFF ITEM 17900-1 AT 20 PERCENT AND SUBJECT TO THE 12 PERCENT SALES TAX. THIS TAX IS COMPUTED ON THE DUTY PAID VALUE (VALUE FOR DUTY PLUS THE DUTY) AT THE TIME OF IMPORTATION.

## END TEXT

- 2. IN FEBRUARY 26 TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH DOMINION CUSTOMS APPRAISER WILLIAM E. MILLER, WHO SIGNED C & E LETTER, EMBOFF WAS TOLD C & E MAINLY CONCERNED ABOUT WHETHER ADMISSION TICKETS WERE TO BE IMPORTED INTO CANADA FOR SALE HERE, IN WHICH CASE THEY WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE CONSIDERED TOURIST LITERATURE. (DUTIABLE VALUE OF TICKETS IN THAT CASE WOULD BE PRINTED COST OF TICKETS PLUS 25 PERCENT, NO REPEAT NOT FACE VALUE, I.E., PRICE OF ADMISSION.)
- 3. FOLDER CITED IN C & E LETTER QUOTED ABOVE WAS RECEIVED IN EMBASSY FROM EXPO '74 LAST OCTOBER AND SENT TO C & E WITH EMBASSY'S JANUARY 17 LETTER AS ONLY AVAILABLE EXAMPLE OF PROMOTIONAL LITERATURE FOR WHICH WE REQUESTING CUSTOMS DUTY EXEMPTION. MILLER RECOMMENDED, AND EMBASSY CONCURS, THAT WE BE PROVIDED ASAP WITH SAMPLES OF ADDITIONAL "INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL, TICKETS AND OTHER PRINTED ITEMS" FOR EXAMINATION BY C & E, WHO ARE DISPOSED TO PROVIDE EVERY POSSIBLE ACCOMMODATION, ALONG SAME LINES US ACCORDED CANADIANS FOR EXPO '67 AT MONTREAL, C & E WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER ADDITIONAL PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL WILL BE DISSEMINATED IN FOLDERS OR OTHERWISE AS PARTS OF A PACKAGE. ALSO WISH TO KNOW WHETHER TICKETS WILL BE COMPLIMENTARY OR FOR SALE IN CANADA.
- 4. MEANWHILE, C & E INFORMING ITS BORDER UNCLASSIFIED

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CUSTOMS POSTS OF EXEMPTION FOR FOLDER CITED ABOVE. (INDEX CARD PERTAINING TO THIS INSTRUCTION TO CUSTOMS OFFICERS WILL BE FILED UNDER "FOLDERS" OR "TOURIST LITERATURE" AT BORDER POSTS.)
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